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The students of Royal Oak Community School, Kindergarten to Grade 2, performed Shakespeare's Midsummer Night's Dream outdoors in a Regent Street backyard Monday night. The play was taught and produced by Moya O'Connell, narrated by Jim Mezon, and choreographed by Billy Lake with support from Catherine Macgregor - all Shaw Festival ensemble members - with a score by musician Torq Campbell (of Stars).

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# Queen's Park tribute paid to former MPP

PENNY COLES
Niagara Advance

Gail Dietsch was surprised to receive a phone call recently from a staff member of the provincial legislature, telling her that a public tribute would be paid at Queen's Park to her husband Mike, who died from cancer two years ago.

"This came out of the blue," said Gail, "but I'm thrilled."

She was asked to invite family members and friends she wanted to attend the legislative tribute with her, and was given an opportunity to choose a date that would work to have her family with her.

She was able to get all six of their kids together and nine grandkids, who are scattered across the country. She also invited three women who had worked with Mike in his MPP's office.

Dietsch, a well-respected man in Niagara-on-the-Lake, began his political career in 1974 and served over a period of more than 25 years, first as an alderman for the town, then lord mayor and finally as a regional councillor.

But he took a break from municipal politics in 1987 when he was elected to serve as a Liberal MPP in the David Peterson government for St. Catharines Brock, a riding which included NOTL. It was eventually eliminated in a cost-saving measure by the Conservative government.

Dietsch lost his seat to NDP Christel Haeck in 1990, when the NDP formed the provincial government under Bob Rae, but not before distinguishing himself as a MPP who put forward three private member's bills and had all three of them pass.

He returned to municipal politics in 1991 when he was again elected lord mayor of NOTL. He was re-elected in 1994. In 1997, he was elected regional councillor. He did not seek re-election in 2000. When he died in 2014, he had been battling cancer for 18 years, although through much of that time he remained active in the community.

Paying tribute to MPPs who have died is something "current members find very important," said legislative staff member Grace Bento.

"When a member passes, the legislature does a tribute in the house."

That tribute is broadcast on the Queen's Park website, and becomes part of the Hansard transcripts for that day.

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Mike Dietsch

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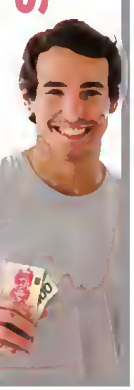

# Kids learn about grandfather's contribution to community

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Three sitting MPPs were asked to speak - Tim Hudak, representing the Conservative government, NDP member Wayne Gates, currently representing NOTL, and Liberal MPP Jim Bradley, who knew and worked with Dietsch in the legislature.

Hudak spoke of Gail's concern that Mike, who was an autoworker and a small farm operator, might change when he became a member of the provincial legislature. He didn't, said Hudak.

"He fully threw himself into the work, but he never forgot about the folks back home. He brought forward three private member's bills that made a huge difference."

The bills were all to support the grape and wine industry, and resulted in the allowance of credit card sales at wineries, Sunday openings at wineries and an irrigation bill to allow farmers to use irrigation ditches to water their crops, said Hudak.

"He helped build a successful sector that adds millions and millions of dollars to our economy each and every year.

His leadership was very well-respected by those he worked with, his constituents, but never at the expense of his family, said Hudak.

Dietsch was an autoworker "just like myself," said Gates, who also mentioned the private member's bills.

"The MPPs who are here today are happy if we get one," he said.

"He was elected so many times because the people of Niagara knew they could depend on him to fight for their interests. The people of Niagara have a lot to say thank you to Mike for."

Bradley agreed Dietsch's heart "was in Niagara-on-the-Lake, quite obviously."

He was a man who took up causes, said the Liberal MPP.

"The drought that hit the Niagara Peninsula was one that both members have mentioned, where a bill was brought forward to allow water to be used from drainage ditches. It sounds very basic, but it was very important to the farmers."

Attending the public tribute, said Gail, "was a special day for all of us."

"Each one (of the three MPPs) touched on a different aspect of Mike's career. Tim Hudak talked about how we operated as a family during those years, Wayne Gates talked about his blue-collar experience, and all three spoke of his accomplishments, which included the three private member's bills that passed. It was so nice to see his contributions recognized so eloquently," she said.

She was also pleased with the tour of Queen's Park for the family, which gave the grandchildren an opportunity to see how government works, she said, but what most delighted her was having them hear how much their grandfather meant to his community.

"It was a really beautiful tribute."

PHOTO SUBMITTED

Gail Dietsch, her children and grandchildren, along with her late husband Mike Dietsch's office staff when he was MPP for the Niagara riding, were at the legislature last week to hear a tribute about his accomplishments, his community involvment and his family.

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# Mobile KidsZone to get kids running, jumping and playing

**SARAH FERGUSON**
Fort Erie Times

Fort Erie and Niagara-on-the-Lake want more children running, jumping and playing every day.

The municipalities have partnered to encourage children to participate in daily activity through the Healthy Kids Community Challenge.

The Boys and Girls Club of Niagara will offer a free 10-week program called Mobile KidsZone to operate four times a year at neighbourhood parks in both communities.

A vehicle and sports equipment have been purchased to allow kids to participate in activities during the year, such as soccer, flag football and badminton in the spring and summer months and snow shoeing during the winter.

The cost of the program is approximately $30,000 with Fort Erie, NOTL and sponsor Canadian Tire each chipping in a portion.

The program was unveiled Monday afternoon at the Boys and Girls Club of Niagara in Niagara Falls by Fort Erie Mayor Wayne Redekop, Niagara-on-the-Lake Mayor Pat Darte and representatives from the Healthy Kids Community Challenge.

Redekop said the partnership between Fort Erie and NOTL will "provide an opportunity for children to engage in physical activity" that they might not have otherwise had.

There is a focus on organized sports but not enough emphasis on promoting every-day physical activity through non-organized playing, he said, and by taking the van to the local parks, the program is also eliminating barriers to play, such as a lack of transportation.

"This is a great start," Redekop said about the Mobile KidsZone.

There is a connection between physical activity and health, which means if children adopt an active lifestyle sooner in life, they will live healthier lives, he added.

Darte said it made sense to partner with Fort Erie to offer the program because both communities need to focus on youth.

Providing opportunities for children to have fun while participating in physical activities gives them something to do while promoting a positive lifestyle.

"For NOTL, we want to focus on our kids. We need to focus on our youth," Darte said.

"Any opportunities in that endeavour is a bonus for the community."

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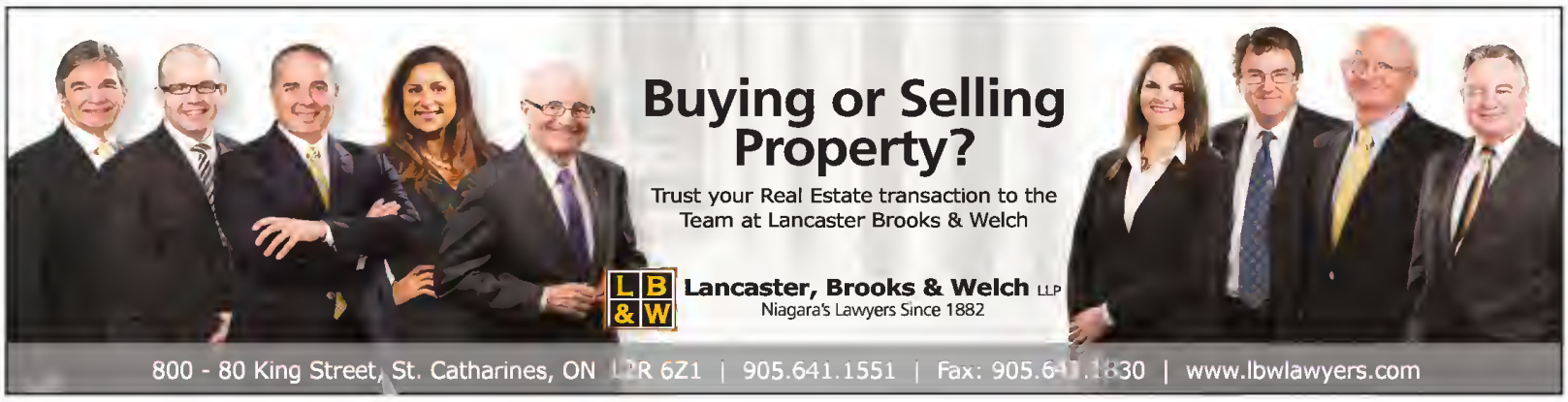

# Activities will be offered in Virgil Sports Park

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In 2014, the provincial government announced 45 communities across Ontario, including Niagara, that were selected to participate in its Healthy Kids Community Challenge, an initiative that is supported by the Ministry of Health and part of Ontario's Healthy Kids Strategy.

It's an initiative that aims to improve children's health and well-being by focusing on getting a healthy start in life, healthy eating and staying active.

Niagara is set to receive up to $1.125 million, with each municipality receiving funding from the provincial government to promote physical activity and healthy eating for children 12 and under and their families.

Judith Rudoler, coordinator for the Business Education Council of Niagara, said the Healthy Kids Community Challenge is a multi-themed initiative and the first theme is 'Run. Jump. Play. Every Day.'

It was launched in Niagara in February and a regional committee developed the Mobile KidsZone program that will target "priority neighbourhoods."

Rudoler said the program will be financially sustainable thanks to funding through the Niagara Region's Niagara Prosperity Initiative.

The program will run in NOTL Every Friday in July and August between 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. at the Virgil Sports Park.

The days and times will be posted on the town's website.

For more information about the program visit www.healthykidsniagara.ca.

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SARAH FERGUSON/FORT ERIE TIMES

Fort Erie Mayor Wayne Redekop shakes the hand of Niagara-on-the-Lake Mayor Pat Darte at the unveiling of the Mobile KidsZone program Monday at the Boys and Girls Club of Niagara in Niagara Falls. The municipalities partnered to have a van filled with sports equipment visit parks during the summer months. The 10-week program will be offered four times a year in each community. It was created through the Healthy Kids Community Challenge with the goal to encourage children to become more active.

## MOBILE KIDSZONE

- The free children's program will run Mondays at Sugar Bowl Park and Wednesdays at Crystal Beach Water Front Park between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. during July and August.
- July 4 and 6, soccer games and skills; July 11 and 13, spikeball and volleyball; July 18 and 20, relay races; July 25 and 27, baseball and kickball; Aug. 1 and 3, basketball; Aug. 8 and 10, tennis and badminton; Aug. 15 and 17, capture the flag football; Aug. 22 and 24, track and field activities; Aug. 29 and 31, Tchoukball; Sept. 5 and 7, flag football.
- Healthy Kids Community Challenge is a community-led program aimed at reducing and preventing childhood obesity.
- The program is part of the provincial government's Healthy Kids Strategy.
- The initiative aims to improve children's well being and health by focusing on a healthy start in life..
- Children under the age of 14 makes up 15.5 per cent of Niagara's population.
- Approximately 67,000 children in Niagara could potentially benefit from the Healthy Kids Community Challenge.
- Niagara has an adult low literacy rate of 31 per cent, an unemployment rate of 8.3 per cent and a self reported adult obesity rate of 48 per cent. These and other factors have the potential to create negative health outcomes for children across Niagara.
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Point of View

## Great kids' program coming to Niagara

What parent, grandparent or educator hasn't despaired at the difficulty of getting kids to be physically active, when computers, video games, iPads and all manner of electronic devices offer often mindless yet stimulating entertainment that doesn't require moving from the couch?

Childhood obesity is a growing problem, a societal problem, and one parents can't be expected to solve themselves.

Some facts about Niagara Region: Children under the age of 14 make up 15.5 per cent of Niagara's population. Niagara has an adult low literacy rate of 31 per cent, an unemployment rate of 8.3 per cent and a self-reported adult obesity rate of 48 per cent. These and other factors don't bode well for kids - they have the potential to create negative health outcomes for children across Niagara.

If ever there was a time when a village is needed to raise a child - or in this case, a community is needed to raise a healthy, active child - this is it.

The Boys and Girls Club of Niagara is the local organization that is taking part in a national initiative called The Healthy Kids Community Challenge. Its goal is to promote the health of children aged 12 years and under by reducing childhood obesity rates through sustainable healthy lifestyles that include healthy eating and daily physical activity.

Across Niagara approximately 67,000 children could potentially benefit from the Healthy Kids Community Challenge.

It's a commitment a community must make for the long term, and one that to succeed requires support from many partners, from all levels of government, health groups and organizations involved in children's activities to schools and families, who must all get behind doing what is necessary to keep kids healthy.

In Niagara-on-the-Lake and Fort Erie, we're fortunate to have the involvement of the Boys and Girls Club of Niagara. As a Healthy Kids Community Challenge initiative, it is offering a program called Mobile KidsZone, a 10-week program four times a year at neighborhood parks. And it's free, which means it's open to all kids.

Kudos to the federal government for recognizing the importance of getting kids moving and developing the challenge, and to each level of government supporting and helping to finance it. We're very fortunate in Niagara to have the Boys and Girls Club with staff skilled in working with kids, and we can't forget the involvement of Canadian Tire, which helps to make sure all kids have access to such programs.

We look forward to seeing kids out in the Virgil Sports Park this summer taking advantage of this great opportunity.

## Do you remember?

FROM THE COLLECTION OF JIM SMITH

This is the store on the corner of Mississauga and Mary Streets. In the 1930s and 40s it was Minnie Howe's grocery store. Through the 1950s and into the 70s it was Pepe's grocery store and the corner was known to all as Pepe's Corner. Mr. Pepe sold gas at his own gas bar. After Pepe, the Avondale store took over, and was followed about 10 years ago by Willow Cakes and Pastries.

Letters to the Editor

### Queenston association helps Fort McMurray

The recent Queenston Residents' Association Plant Sale held on May 14 was once again a great success, raising $1,000, all of which has been forwarded to the Canadian Red Cross for the Fort McMurray disaster relief fund. We thank everyone who donated plant material and garden items, everyone who volunteered to organize and run this event and all who came out to support the sale.

Additionally our Queenston Volunteer Firefighters Association donated $2,500 to the firefighters of Fort McMurray who were affected by the devastating fires. Our congratulations go to them as well. They are an amazing group, continually involved in community fundraising events here and always ready to help with community events.

The Queenston Residents' Association also made donations totalling $3,000 over the past few months to four local charities and the Landscape of Nations Project. While we are a tiny community, our sense of community enables us to organize the many events that provide the basis for supporting worthy causes in our area.

*Jim Armstrong*
*Queenston Residents' Association*

### Standing water problem

For the past few years I have been receiving letters from the Niagara Regional health department regarding the danger of standing water.

And for a couple of years now I have been complaining about water in the ditch year round in front of all the houses on Concession 5 between the pumping station and Line 7. I suspect this is from a leak in a pipe from its installation three years ago.

After these numerous trips to the Niagara-on-the-Lake water department and leaving my phone number and asking if it could be checked out, I have heard nothing. I guess this is because it is not standing water but always flowing. I guess the Niagara Regional health department does not have the town of NOTL's address so they can be sent the same letter.

*Terry Grant*

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# Several plants will attract hummingbirds and butterflies

My nouns have disappeared. This has been happening for some time unfortunately.

In last week's article I mentioned being given an iris tuber to plant, but what I really meant was a rhizome. I had a nigling feeling tuber wasn't right but didn't trust the niggle. It was only after I had sent in the article that I remembered the real noun.

It reminds me of the time I tore out that big ugly weed and realized the next day, that I had torn out my favourite poppy. It's a very good thing I'm not a neurosurgeon.

And speaking of rhizomes, I have discovered that one of my favourite spring flowers is Brunnera macrophylla and my variety is 'Jack Frost' as I love the little forget-me-not blue flowers. The flowers are lovely to pick for a mini-vase and look splendid in the garden before much else has bloomed. But I wasn't sure what to do after they have bloomed. They spread slowly by rhizomes (there's that noun again), and are easy to care for. They like some shade and will scorch if in too much sun. They also like to be kept mediumly moist. After blooming you can tidy up the flower stalks and they look good for the rest of the summer as their mound-like shape go will with hostas and other shade loving plants, but their silver bi-coloured leaves stand out. Here is the best part. They spread slowly so you only have to divide them every six to 10 years. By then, it will be someone else's problem.

We put out sugared water for our hummingbirds, but I always think this is a bit of a cheat. We're really doing this so we can watch them, but it seems a bit like giving our kids junk food so they'll hang around for a while. So I'm consciously trying to introduce more plants with real 100 per cent gluten-free nectar. (Have you ever noticed how many things are sold as gluten free that never ever had gluten in them).

A plant that was in the garden centers last summer was a small shrub-like flower called agastache (hummingbird's mint). It has lovely little flowers, tubular on tiny stalks and comes in several colours of pinks, yellowish pink and corally orange. Once flowering, it stays flowering for most of the summer. It needs full sun and good drainage but it came back in my garden which has part shade and I have now planted two more. This little fellow also attracts bees and butterflies. What more could you ask from a gluten-free nectar plant?

Another plant for hummingbirds is old-fashioned monarda didyma or bee balm. It does need well-composted, well-draining soil. I you have a patch of monarda and find it scruffy, move it to the back of your bed where it can do its thing and not embarrass you in front of the neighbours. Comes in several exuberant colours: scarlet, hot pink, fuschia. They are good fillers for a floral arrangement as well. Cosmos also attracts hummingbirds. It comes and goes out of style but comes back because it's just so easy. It likes full sun and is drought resistant. It also reseeds itself so if you have a sunny spot near a fence, plant some. If they have become wayward and moved into your roses you can easily transplant them back to where you wanted them. The flowers come in shades of purple, pink or white, and in nurseries you can get flats with all colours. If you're a white aficionado, you may have to go to one of the fancier nurseries to get the colour you want. I have also see hummingbirds at my butterfly bush, buddleja spp, which grows tall and bushy in Niagara, and is rarely affected by winter kill. Keep them well-watered and in the sun. Again you will be rewarded by seeing both hummingbirds and butterflies, not to mention the sparrows hold their cocktail parties in the safety of the branches.

Bee balm has a flower the hummingbirds like.

Any brightly-coloured, tubular shaped flower should also attract the hummingbirds and others to your yard. Eventually we can wean them off the sugar-water, especially when they come to appreciate the flowers are also gluten-free.

## Garden of the Week

This week's winner is the La Roque residence on Centre Street, reflecting a well-balanced Victorian cottage garden. A diagonal dry stone river leads the eye to the front entrance which is enhanced by an interesting use of perennials, including cranesbill, peonies, alliums, hostas and lamium. Garden of the Week is sponsored by the Advance, Niagara-on-the-Lake Horticultural Society and Communities in Bloom. Nominate your garden, a friend's, neighbour's or any exceptional garden you find by emailing lkulchar@notl.org.

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The Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake has three (3) conceptual drawings to present to the community and is looking for feedback on the preferred design. The hired landscape architect will be in attendance, and the meeting will explain the three designs and allow for comments. If you are unable to attend the meeting, the concepts will be posted on the Town's website with an option to submit comments.

Please join us for this public consultation:

Date: Thursday, June 30, 2016

Time: 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Location: Queenston Library
32 Queenston Street, Queenston

For more information regarding this meeting, please contact Kevin Turcotte, Manager of Parks and Recreation, at 905-468-3266 extension 263 or kturcotte@notl.org.

# NOTICE OF STATUTORY OPEN HOUSE

## Development Permit System for the Village

**PURPOSE**

The Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake is preparing a Development Permit System By-law for the Village Subdivision. Council is required to hold a statutory open house prior to the required statutory public meeting to hear from interested people regarding the Development Permit System.

Section 70.2 of the *Planning Act* provides for the Lieutenant Governor in Council to establish a development permit system that local municipalities may adopt by by-law.

Further, Section 34 requires that the municipality hold a public open house to give the public an opportunity to review and ask questions about the development permit by-law not less than seven days before the statutory public meeting.

A copy of the Development Permit By-law for the Village is available for viewing on the Town's website at www.notl.org.

**HAVE YOUR SAY**

Input regarding the Development Permit By-law is welcome and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the open house or by making a written submission to the Town.

**OPEN HOUSE DETAILS**

**Date: July 11, 2016**
**Time: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**
**Place: Simpson Room, Community Centre**
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**WRITTEN SUBMISSION**

To provide input in writing, please send a letter c/o Town Clerk Holly Dowd, 1593 Four Mile Creek Road, P.O. Box 100, Virgil, Ontario L0S 1T0.

**MORE INFORMATION**

For more information regarding this meeting or other aspects of the Official Plan review and update, please contact Leah Wallace, Senior Planner, at 905-468-3266 extension 245. A copy of this notice can be found on the Town's website at www.notl.org.

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If you wish to be notified of the decision of Town Council in respect to this matter, you must make a written request to the Town Clerk.

Dated at the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake this 16th day of June 2016.

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## NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake intends to designate the property at **129 VICTORIA STREET, WALKERBY-GEORGE HOUSE (PT LOT 23 PT LOT 24)** as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18.

**Description of Property**

The subject property contains a two-storey Gothic Revival dwelling that sits on a large lot on Victoria Street in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

**Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest**

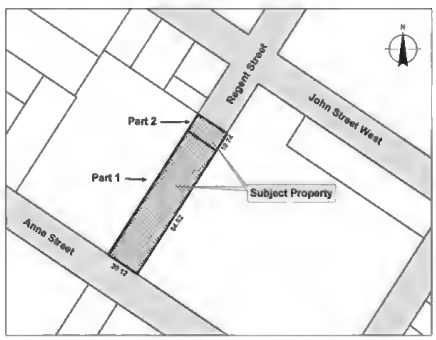
The cultural heritage value of 129 Victoria Street lies in it being a rare example of a Gothic Revival house in Niagara-on-the-Lake. Although Gothic Revival homes were common throughout rural Ontario, they were less common in Niagara-on-the-Lake. Many original elements have been preserved and the main house still features a three bay façade, centre-hall pattern, gabled roof, and a decorative small steeple, lacey treillage or "ginger-bread" trim. Joseph Walkerby or Edward H. Thompson likely constructed the dwelling in the 1860s or early 1870s.

Further information respecting the proposed designation, including the full statement of cultural value, is available from Planning Staff.

Any person may, not later than the 16th day of July, 2016, send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake notice of their objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. If such a Notice of Objection is received, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake shall refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

Dated at the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake this 16th day of June
Holly Dowd, Town Clerk

**TAKE NOTICE** that The Corporation of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, in accordance with By-law 4356-10 governing the sale and disposition of land, intends to sell Town surplus land, Regent Street between Anne and John Streets, Niagara-on-the-Lake, identified as Subject Property in the sketch below.




The Office of the Town Clerk will accept agreements of Purchase and Sale, identifying details for the proposed use of the subject land, until 4:00 p.m. on July 7, 2016.

Staff will review all proposed agreements and recommend to Council the proposal deemed to be in the best interest of the Town.

Holly Dowd, Town Clerk
June 16, 2016
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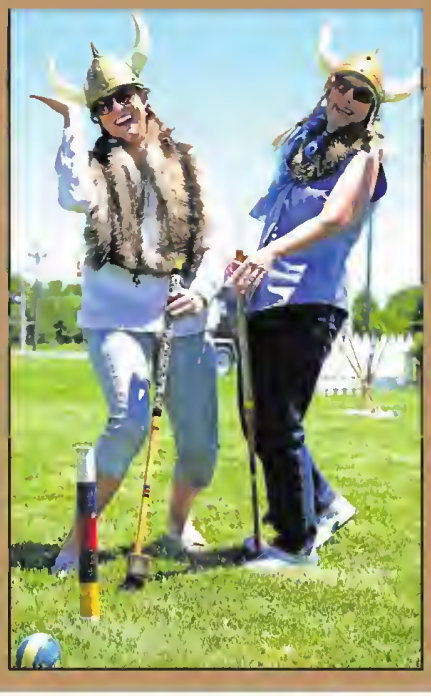
# Croquet for Red Roof



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Tournament organizer Kevan O'Connor presents the winning trophy to father and son team Lawrence and Perry Hartwick at the seventh annual croquet match for Red Roof Retreat, held on the Village Green. Left, white swans Lynn Masaro and Carlyn O'Connor tied for the final score, while Anne Robinson and Theresa Beninger rejoice after their shot.

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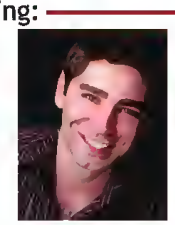
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## St. Davids Firefighters celebration

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The event runs from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Lions host rib fest for St Mikes

The Niagara Lions are hosting a Rib Fest as a fundraiser for St. Michael Catholic School Saturday.

It's being held at the community centre, with proceeds going toward the purchase of much-needed sound dampening products and environment-specific audio visual equipment. There are two seatings, 5:30 p.m. and 7 pm.

The cost is $20 per adult, kids six to 12 $12 and five and under free. The menu consists of ribs, baked potato with sour cream and butter, coleslaw, rolls and butter, bottled water, coffee and tea. Advance ticket sales only. For tickets call 905-684-1051 or 905-682-3005.

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MUSIC: Harrison Kennedy courtesy of Bravo Niagara

JULY 4: Oh Canada
Being Canadian (2014)
MUSIC: Shea D Duo featuring Juliet Dunn and Peter Shea courtesy of the TD Niagara Jazz Festival

JULY 11: Latin American Night
Chinese Take-Away (2011)
MUSIC: Max Holten-Anderson

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## Golf tourney aids school

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The St. Michael Catholic Elementary School and Scholarship Golf Tournament was held recently at the NOTL Golf Club, and raised $20,000 to be divided between scolarships for students going on to post-secondary school education and to the school to help fund equipment for current students. Event chair Rita Colling presented the check to student Sam Vanderlee, principal Blaine MacDougall, former student Andy Berti and student John Vanderlee.


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**402 JOHNSON STREET $1,075,000**

This lovely "Georgian style" 5 bedroom, centre hall plan is situated in a prime old town location amongst the most prestigious homes. Over 3400 sq. ft. of well designed living space on a well treed, half acre lot. **MLS# 30524164. Bonnie Grimm.**

**21 CREEKSIDE DRIVE $884,900**

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**39 GAGE STREET $739,000**

An attractive bungalow on a 200 ft deep lot situated in the heart of old town. Spacious and bright living areas include open concept kitchen, dining room, living room and solarium. Well planned design offering 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms and a finished lower level. Low maintenance exterior with detached 3 car garage. **MLS# XN30058070. Thomas Elltoft and Kim Elltoft**

**1 BLACKBIRD STREET**

Whether the goal is winding up with great friends in the open concept Kitchen/Great Room, or winding down by the fireplace with a great book, this home is built for entertaining and relaxing. The flooring throughout the home is not to be missed, with Black Walnut hardwood on the Main and 2nd Floors, and great laminate to match in the finished Basement. The finishes delight at every turn, the Master Suite is the perfect retreat, this home should not be missed! **MLS# XN30058466. Adam Hawley and Chris Bowron.**

**1411 MCNAB ROAD $494,000**

Lovely 2 + 1-bedroom bungalow on spectacular ravine lot just steps from Lake Ontario. The open concept main floor has large windows to take in the exceptional views, second Bedroom would make a wonderful office and has a patio door to large screened in, elevated porch. Lower level is finished with wet bar, gas fireplace, 3-piece bathroom & walk out to patio and in ground pool. **MLS# 30524937. Sarah Gleddie and Victoria Bolduc.**

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**158 PRIDEAUX STREET $1,295,000**

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**242 SIMCOE STREET $1,895,000**

Truly an outstanding ¾ acre property situated in a prime Old Town location just 100 feet from the main street. Elegance & craftsmanship abound with the entire first floor dedicated to comfortable yet sophisticated living featuring oversized rooms perfect for entertaining. This unique property is situated centrally yet is quiet and private surrounded by other prestigious residences also on substantial lots. **MLS# N30048475. Thomas Elltoft and Kim Elltoft.**

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## Cricket tradition continues with Clipper win

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The annual cricket match between the Niagara Clippers and the Lincoln Lions was held Sunday at the Old Colony School, formerly Col. John Butler School, on East and West Line. It was the 24th year fo the event, a match between the two groups of Caribbean farm workers in Niagara. The Clippers, the NOTL workers, have a record of the most wins, and this year was no exception - they beat the Lions 203-82 . The captain of the Clippers was Prophet Steel, and the Man of the Match from the Clippers was D. Dixon.


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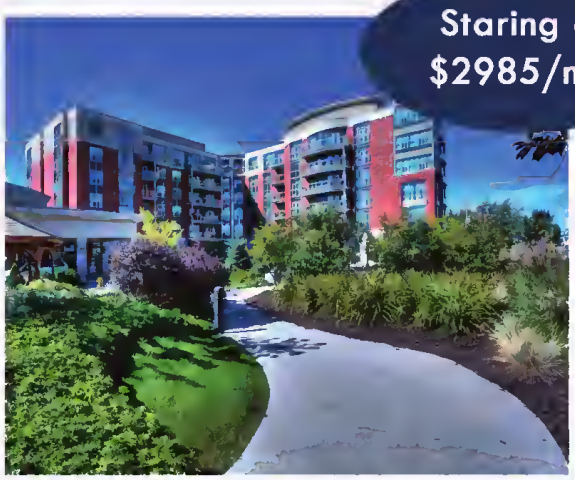

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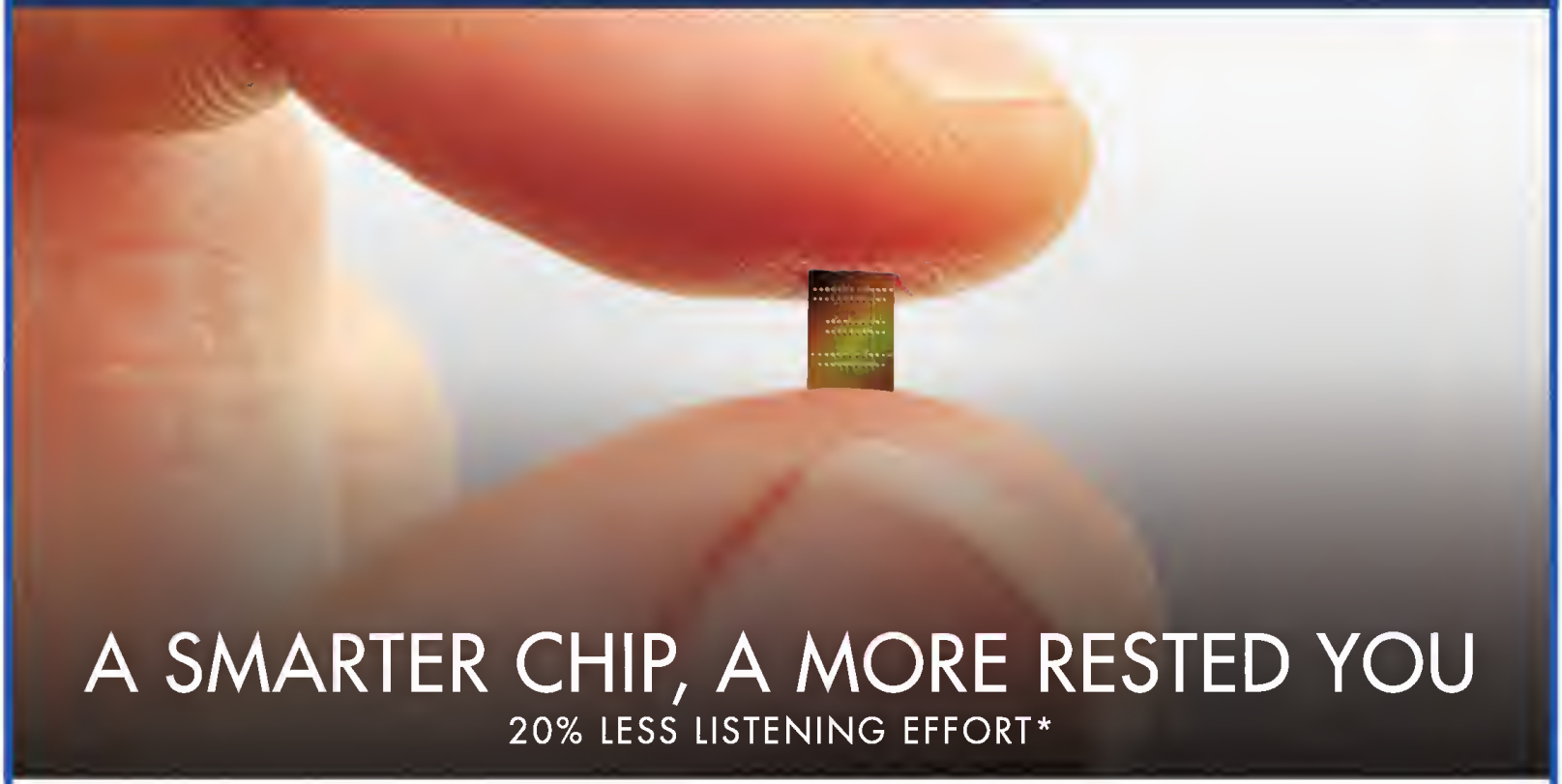


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PENNY COLES/NIAGARA ADVANCE

Niagara College horticultural professor Wayne Wakal, with arborist Andrew Cook, uses a young ash tree as an example to explain to students how it can be saved from the emerald ash borer by treatments with an insecticide.

# Saving ash trees expensive but worthwhile

PENNY COLES
Niagara Advance

Betty Disero understands not every ash tree can be saved, but she is determined two beautiful, majestic trees will continue to live on, protected from the emerald ash borer.

The Niagara-on-the-Lake councillor has a large Butler Street property with a private outdoor retreat that offers a combination of sun and shade for relaxing and entertaining. The feeling of seclusion and the canopy that screens her back yard are provided by two mature ash trees, one about 115 years old, the other planted about 80 to 90 years ago.

When Disero moved in six years ago, she and her partner Dan Williams investigated their options, and discovered it would cost about $1,000 to take the trees down. Leaving them standing, unprotected from the emerald ash borer was not an option - they were so large they created a hazard to keep.

The only other option - the one they chose - was to treat the trees, paying $1,200 every two years, says Disero, with no end in sight.

It's not an inexpensive fix, but the cost of removing the trees and replacing them isn't cheap either, and it will be decades before the replacements would provide the canopy of mature trees, she said.

"I didn't want to cut them down. They're beautiful trees, and I like the shade they give us. But this is a real commitment."

Andrew Cook, from Andrew's Tree and Shrub Care, is one of a handful of arborists qualified to inject a systemic insecticide called TreeAzin to control the beetle, which worked its way from Windsor to Niagara, where it was first noticed in Welland in 2009. It is now destroying ash trees across Ontario.

Once a tree is infected with the beetle, it will die without treatment - there are no natural enemies to it in North America, said Cook, who is treating the trees on Disero's property.

It's estimated by experts that within the next few years, the Asian beetle will have killed the majority of Niagara's ash trees. The cost for municipalities to treat trees on a large scale is prohibitive, says Disero, although some Niagara municipalities are trying to save their older, most significant trees.

In NOTL, an inventory of ash trees was taken in 2014 and the trees were assessed for condition and degree of potential hazard, says a fact sheet posted on the town's website.

The town's 2016 budget included $75,000 for the removal of ash trees and replanting, which is now underway.

Specific trees on Queen Street and on the Jean Melrose Bevan Heritage Tree Walk at the community centre are being treated injected with TreeAzin, the fact sheet said.

The insecticide is injected at the base of the tree, and is drawn up as the tree would draw water. It sterilizes the female borer, explains Cook, and kills off the larvae so that no new eggs are hatched. But it only protects trees that are treated, and only as long as the treatment is continued - it's not a permanent fix.

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# Town trying to save some ash trees on Queen St.

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Disero was a city councillor in Toronto when that city created a plan that recognized the value to the environment and the savings of tax dollars when trees are protected, she said.

Wayne Wakal, a professor of horticulture at Niagara College, brought 20 students to meet with Cook and Disero at her Butler Street home to teach the students how ash trees can be preserved.

"If you think of their contribution to the environment, you understand their value. They're not just pretty, they're important," said Wakal.

Wakal, who was Cook's instructor at the college, has a passion for preserving trees and teaching students their value to the environment, and points to the Toronto tree bylaw as one that recognizes the value of trees and proactively protects them on private and public property. Toronto is protecting 13,000 ash trees on public property, and is encouraging property owners to treat trees that are still healthy, and remove those that aren't.

NOTL's town council recently approved investigating a tree fund policy, recognizing the value of trees to the environment: they provide shelter and reduce windspeed, thus reducing heat loss from buildings during winter, provide shade in the summer reducing air conditioning costs, and therefore decrease the production of associated air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions, council's request said.

Trees also remove air pollutants and store and sequester carbon dioxide, vegetation reduces runoff and improves water quality by absorbing and filtering rainwater - in addition to the aesthetic value and habitat they provide for wildlife.

With the town's tree canopy in decline, council requested town staff to "review the possibility of the creation of a town tree fund that would accept donations from the public for the purpose of planting trees."

PENNY COLES/NIAGARA ADVANCE

Dan Williams, NOTL town counc. Betty Disero and Niagara College instructor Wayne Wakal watch as arborist Andrew Cook demonstrates how to protect an ash tree from the emerald ash borer. This tree on Disero's property is more than 100 years old.


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Boh was my hero. I certainly rememher Bob buzzing our home in London, Ont. in his yellow Harvard, leaning out the window to wave to my mother who was hanging the laundry out to dry. We later learned that he received a severe reprimand for that hit of showboating, a common enough occurrence in those days.

The heyday and romance of flying began with the Wright hrothers, exploded with the First World War, the years hetween the wars and the Second World War and carried on into the fifties with the introduction of commercial jets. I certainly got the 'bug' early. As a child I huilt lots and lots of model airplanes and they crashed with such regularity that I was constantly trying to come up with the money through odd johs to keep the addiction going. The ohsession to hecome a pilot was put on hold in my university years, medical training and early career. Then in 1984 when I was on sabbatical leave and writing my first book I decided it was now or never, and made it now.

So at 45 I finally earned my private pilot and thereafter my commercial licence and instrument rating. The fun part was the many trips back and forth to our cottage in Halliburton, Ont., first from London, Ont. and later Boston. Flying became part of our life and that included the many fine people, pilots, instructors, flight examiners and mechanics hoth north and south of the hordor, who were very much a part of the aviation community. It really doesn't seem to matter whether you fly trainers, floatplanes, turhoprops or jets, what counts is your professionalism and the goodwill you extend to fellow pilots.

That's unusual in public life and one of the reasons one of my mentors, Dr. Charlie Drake, one of the worlds best known neurosurgeons of his day and avid pilot, gave me for flying. It offered another community of excellence and a whole other world to challenge you. Charlie was right then and now.

We have one of those islands of excellence and community in the St. Catharines flying club and the instructors, pilots and all who support flying here. It's right under our noses and has a long history - perhaps not as long as some of those heritage homes in NOTL, hut then again, except for observation balloons, no one was flying airplanes until the Wright brothers in the early 1900s.

The explosion in our understanding of aerodynamics, engine technology, design and manufacture of aircraft and aircraft systems in the 50 years that followed surely equals the ventures of Silicon Valley in the latter part of the century. And now we see mergers taking place, what with high tech 'glass cockpits', sophisticated satellite navigation and weather systems all of which are on display and in use everyday in many of the aircraft at the St. Catharines Airport.

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**Tyler Hill (left), charter pilot, Scott Montean, chief flying instructor, Ruth Charlton, commercial pilot, Mike Neave, flying club manager, and Patti Gamble, club president, are just some of the helpful people at the St. Catharines Flying Club, says Dr. Bill Brown, who flies out of the Niagara District Airport.**


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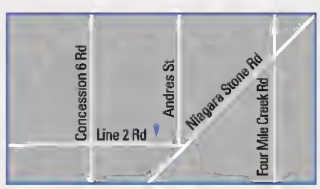


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"If information is the lifeblood of health care then communication systems are the heart that pumps it."

Quoting Dr. Enrico Coiera, a researcher of the application of information technologies in health care, first year medical student Will Heedo Lee described the intention of E-health.

Studying at McMaster University's Niagara Regional Campus at Brock University Lee was the speaker at the season's conclusion of NOTL's InfoHealth sessions held at the Library.

He observed that when you consider the giant strides in electronic communications there exists a "wide spider web of information" useful to both healthcare providers and patients.

"In years past medical documents were written out with pencil and paper, where upon the communication between healthcare professionals was slow and prone to errors. With older methods of communication there was a high cost involved with additional staff required to create and maintain paper records,' he said.

"With E-health a primary physician can create a medical record of a patient's chart. When a specialist sees the patient for the first time they can check the medical record and compile additional information, which is accessible to others involved in the healthcare of the patient. This becomes the basis for day to day patient care. The information can be reviewed by various medical professionals within a hospital, or even between hospitals."

As an example of how E-health creates efficiency Lee shared a story of a woman who experienced shortness of breath and chest pains. After calling 911 an ambulance takes her to hospital where the emergency doctor is able to immediately send electronic requests for an X-ray, blood work and an electrocardiogram (ECG). When the radiology department receives the request for an X-ray, the emergency room nurse is also notified to take a blood sample and do the ECG. Minutes later the woman is at the X-ray machine, and within 25 minutes of her arrival the emergency doctor has all the results to diagnose the problem and begin treatment.

A few days later the woman has a follow-up visit with her family doctor. Upon hearing her story and reading the electronic records of her experience the doctor reviews her medical history and is able to more fully explain what happened to her. In the meantime her doctor also reviews the woman's family history and recognizes a pattern of issues, from which her medications are adjusted and she is provided instructions to reduce the potential of her situation recurring. Armed with this information the woman is also interested enough to do her own research online, which confirms what her doctor has told her.

RANDY KLAASSEN/SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

**NOTL resident Carol Nixon questioned medical student Will Lee on appropriate internet web sites to research health concerns at last week's InfoHealth session at the NOTL Public Library.**

What's significant in this common story is the speed at which all of this occurred. The various members of the health care team were able to access accurate information quickly, add information as it occurred, and empower the patient with resources to expand her own knowledge.

After Lee's presentation the question and answer session focused mainly on issues of security and privacy of E-health records. Lee described how computer records are encrypted, that electronic tags identify who has had access to files, and that passwords are changed frequently to prevent unauthorized tampering.

Lee also noted that while there is a vast amount of health information available on the Internet, approximately 80 per cent of what a doctor diagnoses for a patient is derived from conversation with the patient, and knowledge of the patient's history.

"It's critical to have the larger picture of what's happening with a patient in order to provide effective health care, and access to E-health records help health care providers see the wider view," he said.

InfoHealth lectures are hosted at the NOTL Public Library the second Wednesday of each month. The next InfoHealth will be Sept. 14.

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# Small planes great way to see countryside

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The St. Catharines Flying Club is one of the oldest in Canada and dates back to the mid 1920s. Its first trainer was a DeHavilland DH 60 M biplane made mostly of wood, covered with fabric and steel tube construction in the fuselage (for Canadian models).

With a maximum speed of a 100 mpb and a 100-horse power engine, it was no speedster. But it was ideal as a trainer because of its simplicity and 'no-bad-habits' manners.

In fact aircraft with similar benign manners still make the best aircraft to learn on these days, even if some look sleeker and sexier.

The flying club uses several Piper Warriors and a Cessna 172 of similar performance, for training purposes. They aren't a lot faster or higher powered than the old DH 60, but like the latter they're great trainers and reasonable cross-country machines.

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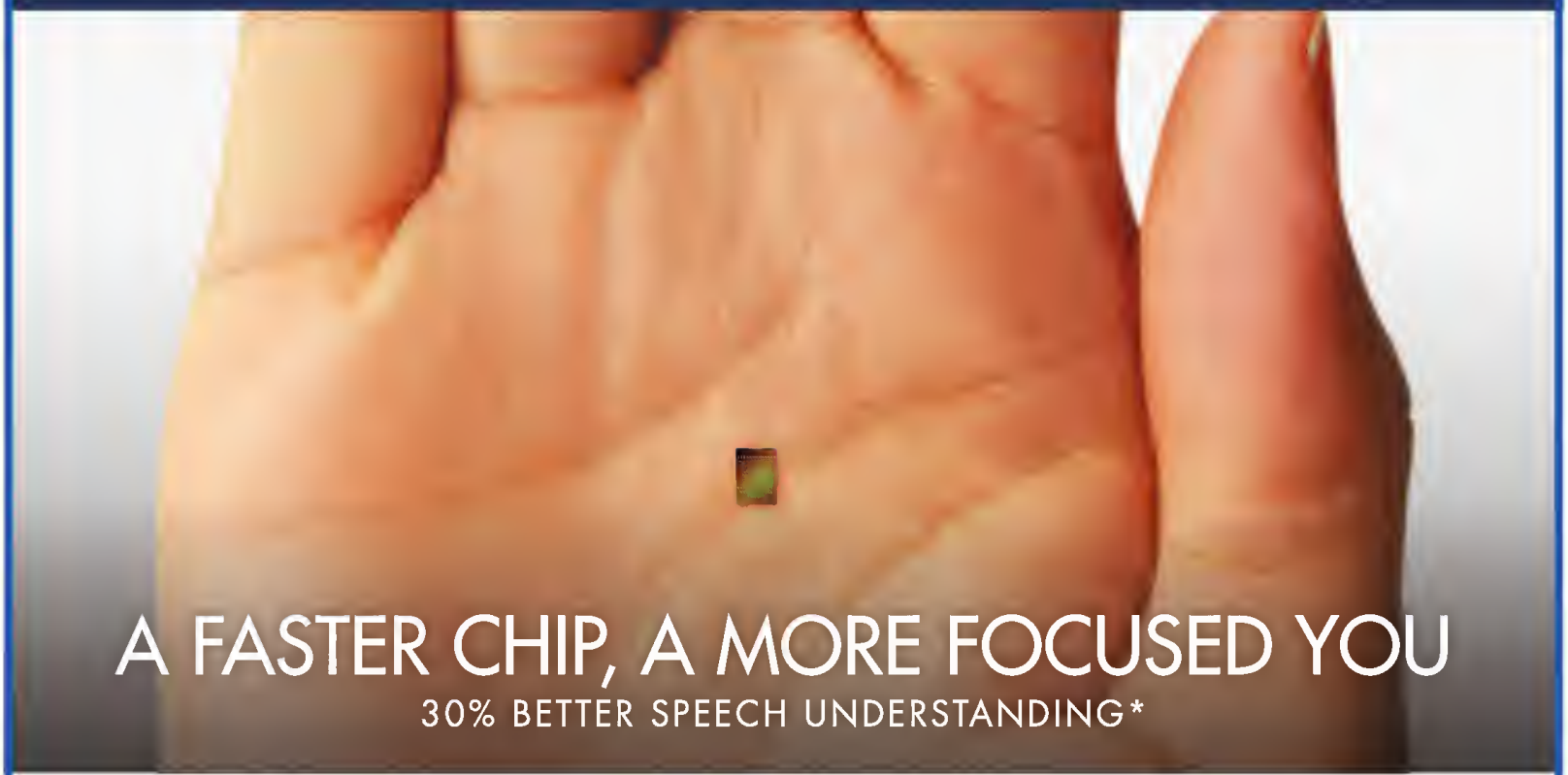


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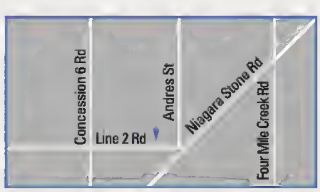


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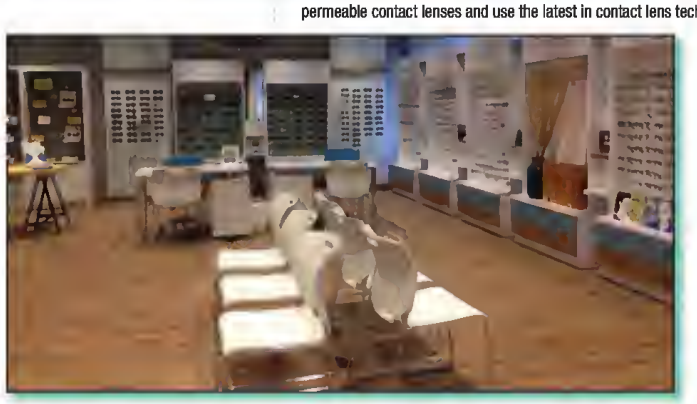

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Volunteers will be selling fresh strawberries and all kinds of strawberry treats at St. Andrew's Strawberry Festival Saturday.

# Don't miss out on strawberry treats

There will be 300 flats of fresh, juicy sweet strawberries at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church this week as volunteers prepare for the annual Strawberry Festival, a major fundraiser and popular community event at the church.

About half of the strawberries are for sale, the other half for all the goodies offered at the festival, which is always the third Saturday in June, including strawberry shortcake, crepes, pies with ice cream, and about 2,500 strawberry jam made by church volunteers.

One the most popular items, made at the church ahead of time, said long-time volunteer Elaine Landray, has nothing to do with strawberries.

Volunteers have been making 1,600 beef and turkey pies to freeze, and they get grabbed up so quickly that many regulars at the festival never see them.

There is also a barbeque and corn on the cob, a silent auction, used books, a bake table, plants, a children's area and tours of the historic church.

There will be entertainment throughout the day, beginning with a piper to open the celebration at 9 a.m.

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Also expect a magician, a fiddler, the Bethany Bell Choir, readings from the Writers' Circle, the NOTL Ukesters and several musicians.

The festival, Saturday, June 18, runs from 9 a.m to 3 p.m. at the Simcoe Street church. Admission is free.

# Celebrate solstice by Drumming Down the Sun

It's a summer solstice tradition in other areas of Niagara, and is becoming one in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Volunteers are preparing for the third annual Drum Down the Sun event this Monday at Ryerson Park.

Loretta Pietrobon, organizer of Niagara Nature Tour's annual summer solstice event, said, "I'm looking forward to more people attending this year, our third solstice event in NOTL."

Beginners and expert yogis are invited to bring a mat or blanket for yoga on the grass overlooking Lake Ontario. FoxDen Yoga on Garrison Village Drive will be conducting a class for the first time at this celebration of the longest day of the year. The class is from 7 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

Master drummer Kevin Hotte from Circular Motion will once again lead the drumming from about 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Bring a drum, shakers, spoons, even a gallon water bottle makes a nice sound. Hotte, who will share some of his percussion instruments, said, "A drum is a voice, alive and with feeling as with any voice."

He will lead the participants in a drum circle starting with a basic rhythm.

"The result is a lot of fun as people begin to listen more closely to one another and begin to work together to create new rhythms," said Hotte.

Bring lawn chairs and blankets because there is no seating.

The flat, grassy park is quite accessible for wheelchairs and scooters. There is a request for a loony donation to help defray organizational expenses, with a portion going to the Niagara Land Trust.

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# First Niagara minister to be recognized at St. Mark's service

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This Sunday, exactly 225 years since an English clergyman took the first step in a journey that would bring him to Niagara-on-the-Lake, he will be honored by the church he founded.

On June 19, 1791, the contract was signed in England and Robert Addison was appointed as a missionary to Niagara by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts. It was a decision that was debated, but one, once made, that led to the founding of the oldest church in continuous use west of Quebec, says Donald Combe, parishioner of St. Mark's Anglican Church and a member of the historic church's archives committee.

The debate included discussion of Addison's background, from a simple village, including the fact that he was clever in languages and math, with a Cambridge education, and the decision was to send him.

Addison left England "shortly thereafter," said Combe, and after spending the winter of 1791 in Quebec, he arrived at his post in July, having no idea of the distances he would be expected to travel.

"He was the only Anglican priest this side of Kingston - this was all his parish."

Addison's life would not have been an easy one, said Combe.

Newark was a small village and the surrounding rural area was sparsely populated. Addison was not paid the money he was promised at first, and when he asked for money to buy a horse to help him travel, he was turned down - he paid for it himself. He did most of his traveling in the winter, when he could use a sleigh to carry him over frozen ground and ice.

In addition to his missionary work, he farmed to support himself and his family, acquiring land from the government, and that would have helped to bring him closer to people in the community.

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This is drawing is of Robert Addison bidding farewell to his parishioners and friends just prior to his departure for Canada in the summer of 1791, most likely from St.John's in Hampstead, the London parish with which he was associated.

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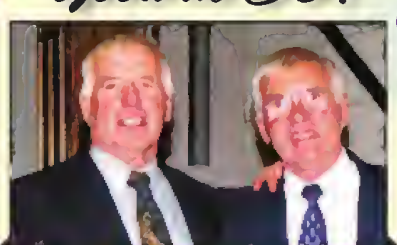

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# Addison founded several Anglican churches in Niagara, including St. Mark's

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It would have been assumed when he came to Niagara that a church would be built, said Combe, and an early drawing of St. Mark's dated 1804 shows the church goes back at least that far.

"But some believe the church was built between 1792 and '94," said Combe.

The cemetery is also the oldest in town, with the first grave dated 1782 - it was obviously thought of as special ground at that point, said Combe.

In addition, several other Anglican churches were founded by Addison in the area.

"This was a very significant milestone for the diocese of Niagara," says Combe.

But details are sketchy - although he sent long letters with reports on his activities to England, the reports were read at meetings, then destroyed.

St. Mark's will honor "this remarkable man" during its 10:30 a.m. service this Sunday, open to the community, said Combe, with a dramatic reading by archives committee members.

It's appropriate, he said, since the contract signing "is the start of the story of St. Mark's beginnings, with the Bishop's decision Addison is the suitable candidate. We felt it was very important to mark this occasion."

Jamie Mainprize, Ann Lindsay, Don MacLeod and Jack Taylor will take part in the reading - as members of the archive committee, it's part of their job to keep "hammering away" at the history of the church, said Combe.

"I firmly believe drama and the church work together, and this is the perfect way to tell our story."

The reading Sunday is just the prelude to a year of 225th anniversary celebrations that will include at least two concerts in 2017 that are representative of the history of the church.

For both those events, St. Mark's Choir will need more singers - anyone interested should call music director Michael Tansley at 289-296-0309 or the church office at 905-468-3123.

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# Assisted suicide explored in series on life and death

In the first installment of this series I recounted examples of what might these days be called physician-assisted suicide. They always took place with the consent of the patient or in the case of severe brain-injured patients, the immediate family. And in the case of the patients I sited with Lou Gehrig's disease, suicide would not be a word those patients, their families or I would have chosen.

Some of you may remember the Irish TV series *Ballykissangel*, which takes place in Southern Ireland in the 1990s when the first challenges to the authority of the Roman Catholic Church were taking place. One of the central figures in the series is a young English priest, Peter, who finds himself on a steep learning curve about what it means to be a priest. By nature Peter is kind, humorous and tries to do the right thing.

A dying retired crusty judge, deeply distrustful of the church, confronts Peter with a story. A few years before, the judge lost his wife – the love of his life - from cancer. The two of them made a pact with one another – should her pain become unbearable, he would give her an overdose of morphine (which they presumably had stashed away for just such an eventuality). Finally the pain reached the point when she was in agony despite morphine and she asked her husband for enough to put an end to her suffering and life. He honored her wish and she died a short time later in his arms. Hearing this story, Peter blurted out, "but all life is sacred," at which moment the judge angrily hammered his fist down on the chess board, scattering the board and all the pieces, and dismissed Peter. Shaken by the judge's confession, Peter thought about it and made it clear that he understood the judge's decision, to which the judge expressed his gratitude and told Peter that his mother must be very proud of him and that he should go far in the church. Peter left the church two DVDs later.

That episode struck home with me because my mother-in-law, after her husband died from cancer, squirreled away all his morphine for just such a day, should her life become intolerable in the future. A few years later the morphine was found and although she gave it up, I think it was with some regret. Considering what lay ahead of her, what with progressive heart failure and the awful breathlessness at rest, she might well have taken that morphine. Had she done so, I hope I would have responded as Peter did. Physicians and hospice workers encounter these issues all the time.

The examples posed by the assisted suicide in the widely watched *Ballykissangel* series gets to the heart of the matter. Is there no place for those suffering from unrelenting pain and disability, to call it a day, to take whatever steps are necessary to end their life or at least not keep it going? The supreme court of Canada last year said yes – there is a place for assisted suicide and it was up to the public, the medical profession and government to settle the terms of such practice.

On the matter of 'just not keeping life going' there's the example of Diane Rehm. She is one of the most celebrated and thoughtful public radio show hosts in the U.S. and just stepped down at the age of 79 from her job as host of her own show. Her husband died recently of end-stage Parkinson's disease. They made the decision together, that if and when the disease became overwhelming, he would simply stop eating and drinking. And that's precisely what he did recently. After a few days, he died. She has been very public about the decision, which they reached together. Here the decision was made to withdraw life-giving support – a decision made every bit as deliberately and with the same consequences as the fictional judge and his wife decided to take an overdose of morphine.

Lots to think about. It's a huge subject but one worth personal, family and community discussion.

By the way, you might want to listen to Rehm's show on Caring for Someone With Alzheimer's Disease from April 4, and New Treatments and Understanding of Migraine from April 5. Just go to NPR radio and check out the Diane Rehm show. They're available as podcasts.

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This is one of the posters that was used to publicize the original film when it was released in 1953.

# Film noir thriller at museum Monday

It's film noir week at the museum, the third week of the Five and Dime Series.

The movie featured under the stars in the Niagara Historical Museum courtyard this week is The Hitch-Hiker, directed by Ida Lupino.

The classic 1953 thriller is about two buddies who say goodbye to their wives and set out on a fishing trip. Along the way they pick up a mysterious hitch-hiker. The journey takes a dark twist when the hitchhiker turns out to be a killer on the run. The screenplay was based on the true-life crime spree of psychopathic murderer, Billy Cook.

The cast features William Tallman, who later gained fame as Hamilton Burger in the well-known Perry Mason series; Academy award-winning actor Edmund O'Brien; and Frank Lovejoy, one of America's leading radio actors of the day.

The Hitch-Hiker is regarded as the first American mainstream film noir to be directed by a woman. Lupino was also an actress and singer, and the only woman director working within the Hollywood studio system during the 1950s. The film was selected in 1998 for preservation in the U.S. National Film Registry as being "culturally, historically or aesthetically significant."

Typical of film noir genre movies, The Hitch-Hiker is deliberately bleak, and set in the claustrophobic confines of a car, or in the arid expanses of a Mexican desert. Watching this outside, surrounded by the courtyard of the Niagara Historical Museum, will add just the right amount of atmosphere to a tense and gripping drama.

The musical prelude this week will feature Atis Bankas, artistic director of Music Niagara.

The Five and Dime Film and Music Series will kick off at about 8:45 p.m., so bring your own refreshments, a chair and get comfortable. Popcorn is 10 cents a bag, and the stars are free.

If the weather is temperamental, the movie will be shown inside the museum on Castlereigh Street.

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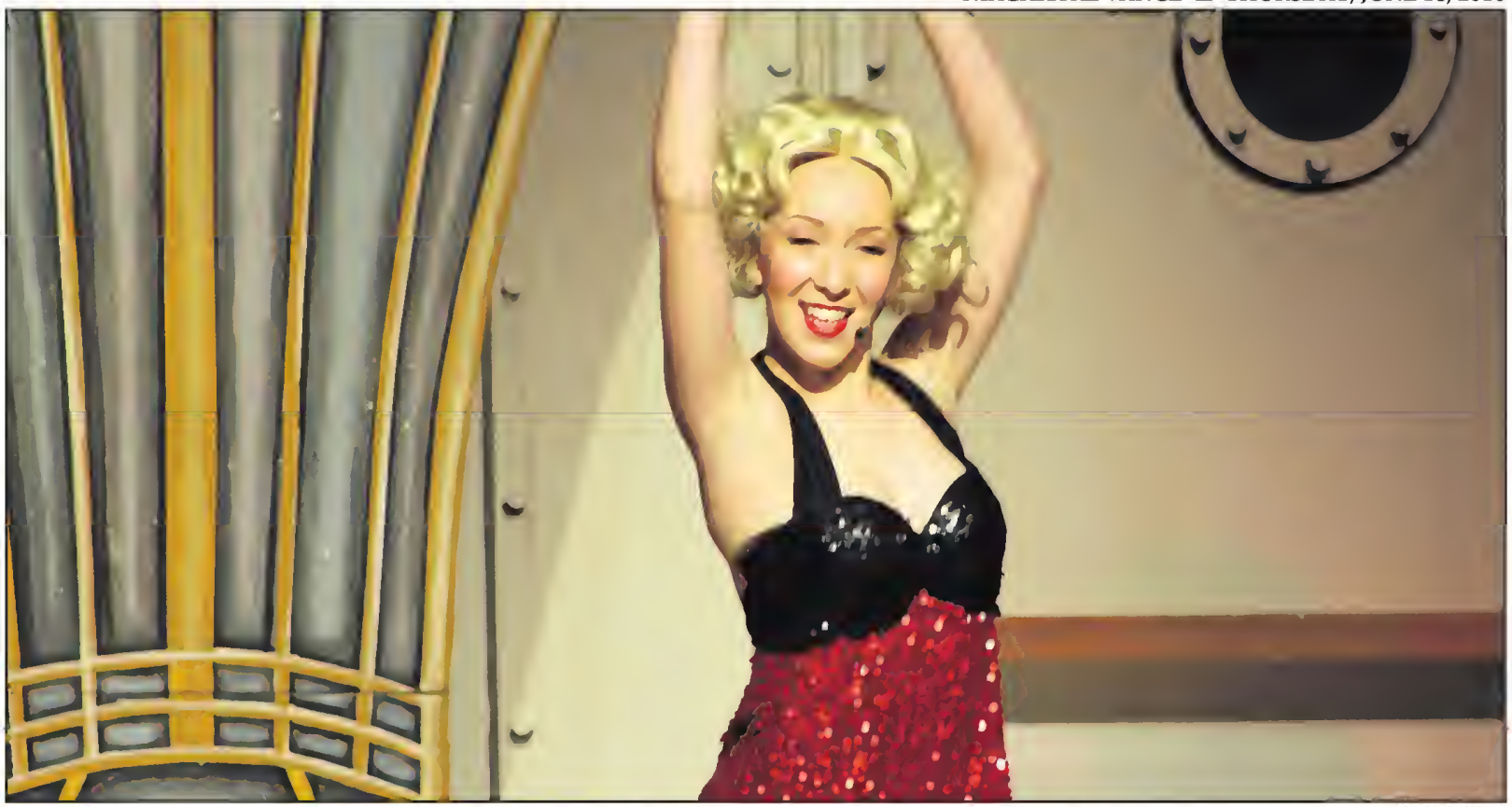

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# Secord wraps up great year

ANNIKA JOHNSON
Laura Secord Secondary School

This has been another fantastic year at Laura Secord Secondary School, one of Niagara-on-the-Lake's home high schools.

The school just celebrated its 50th anniversary last month with more than 600 people attending the festivities.

Over that past school year, Secord students have been extremely busy, involved in many school activities. Many of the students involved in these events live here in NOTL.

Every other year the Laura Secord drama and music departments put on a full scale musical which is always a tremendous success with more than 100 students involved as cast, crew and orchestra. This year the musical was the hit Broadway show Anything Goes!

Queenston's Celeste Brillion landed the lead role of Reno Sweeny and showed off her incredible singing and dancing talent. NOTL Grade 10 student, Josh Kuhn also landed one of the leading comedy roles, playing a wealthy business tycoon. Carrie Robinson and Annika Johnson were both in the chorus as young debutants.

Every year, Secord participates in the Cappie Awards; this is basically the Tony Awards show for high school performances in the Niagara region. This year Secord took home many awards, such as best musical, best lead female, best orchestra and many more.

The Secord music department traveled to Quebec City and Montreal in May, performing at Notre Dame Cathedral and the Basilica of Saint-Anne-de-Beupre.

Although best known for it's outstanding music and arts programs, Laura Secord has many athletic teams. Several NOTL girls played rugby this year, lead by team captain Hannah Marsala of NOTL. Katie Van Egmond and others played on the senior volleyball team. Wrestling, track and field, soccer and many other sports are played at a competitive level within our division.

Academically, Secord students are shining bright with wins in business competitions and participation at seminars and conferences throughout the Niagara region. Graduating seniors are accepting offers at universities and colleges in Ontario and abroad.

All of the students are excited about the brand new addition being built that will be a two-level cafeteria and study area. The old cafeteria will become a new library. The expansion is needed to accommodate the growing number of students interested in attending one of the best secondary schools in the area, Laura Secord, which continues to be a triple threat school with its academics, arts and amazing sports.

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**TASSONYI, Judith Szebeny** - "Five languages end none of them perfectly." On June 9th, 2016 Judith pessed eway peacefully at the Royal Henley retirement home at the ege of 87 years, with her children at her side. Judith was born in Sopron, Hungary on July 4, 1928, the daughter of Irene and Arthur Szebeny. During World War II, at age sixteen, she left Hungary then lived in Germany and France before immigrating with her family to Brazil, where she met her husband Álmos Donald Tassonyi. After a brief stay in the Dominican Republic, the family immigrated to Canada settling finally in Niagara-on-the-Lake. Beloved mother of Álmos (Maureen Simpson), Ann (Gerald Darcie) and Julia (Larry Rossignol); loving Grammy (who expected "instant obedience"), to Rory Tassonyi and Alexander, Arthur and Réka Rossignol. Predeceased by her brother Tom Szebeny (Vivian), she will be greatly missed by her niece, Nicky Mezö (Greg), nephew, Victor Szebeny, their mother, Catherine Szebeny, and their children, her niece, Helga Tassonyi Vosteen (Heiner) as well as her cousins, the extended Mihály and Mindel families end many friends. The welcoming atmosphere of her lakeside farm enveloped family and many friends from several continents. Graduate of the St. Catharines' Teacher's College, Brock University and with an M.Ed. from Niagara University, she taught at Richmond Street and Colonel John Butler Schools; many pupils have fond memories of her creative teaching and emphasis on exercise. Concerts, opera, theatre, museums and art galleries, playing bridge, reading, dancing, love of travel and legendary swims were life-long pursuits from childhood days in pre-war Hungary. The family is very grateful to Dr. Lukings, the Palliative Care Team, Cindy Cordes, Reverend Dorothy Hewlett, supportive family and friends, as well as the dedicated staff at the Royal Henley, who provided her with such sensitive and respectful comfort. Cremation has taken place. Friends are invited to call at **MORGAN FUNERAL HOME**, 415 Regent Street, Niagara-on-the-Lake, on Sunday, June 26th from 2 - 4 & 7 - 9 pm. A Memorial Service will be held at Christ Church McNab, 1294 McNab Road, NOTL on Monday afternoon, June 27th at 1 pm. In lieu of flowers, a charitable donation to Christ Church McNab or Heart and Stroke Foundation in Judith's memory would be appreciated. Memories, photos and condolences may be shared at
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# Jr. B Thunderhawks defeat Six Nations

With first place in the southwest division on the line, the Niagara-on-the-Lake Jr. B Thunderhawks Lacrosse Club came up with their best performance of the year, defeating the Six Nation Rebels 14-13.

David D'Agostino led all scorers with seven points (one goal and six assists) and three players tallying six points apiece. Zach Luis scored four goals and earned two assists, while John Wagner and Hunter Lemieux eacb scored two goals and earned four assists.

Captain Zac Dubuc added a goal and two helpers with assistant captain Connor Overstrom chipping in with four assists. Ryan Koch scored two with singles going to Derek Merza and Mario Caito. The power play was humming with a fantastic five for 10.

The T-Hawks went on to defeat the last-place London Blue Devils 16-3 and gutted out a 9-7 victory over the Owen Sound Stars this weekend.

Luis continued his goal-scoring streak, registering a hat trick in both games. That gives Luis 40 goals for the season, three away from the league lead. Lemieux turned the trick against London and added two assists against Owen Sound.

A break-out year for the rookie, Lemieux currently leads the Thunderhawks with 67 points . Defensive specialist Dan Willms scored the first goal in both games. Tyson McCool and Keelan Buis both played well between the pipes.

Highlight of the night had to be the NOTL minor paperweights playing between the first and second periods during the Owen Sound game. Way to go future lacrosse stars.

Niagara now holds a three-point advantage over Six Nations for first place with two games left in the season. They finish the season at Six Nations Friday. Play-offs will begin the week of June 20, with game times to be determined.

## Couples get out on the golf course

Couples opening day at the NOTL Golf Course saw Paul and Dawn Jacot, and Michele Darling and Mike Eagen win. In second place were Glen and Cathy Murray and Lynn and Dean Sanders. Third place went to Cal and Marilyn Cochrane, and Brodie and Maria Townley, after a five-way tie was determined by lot.

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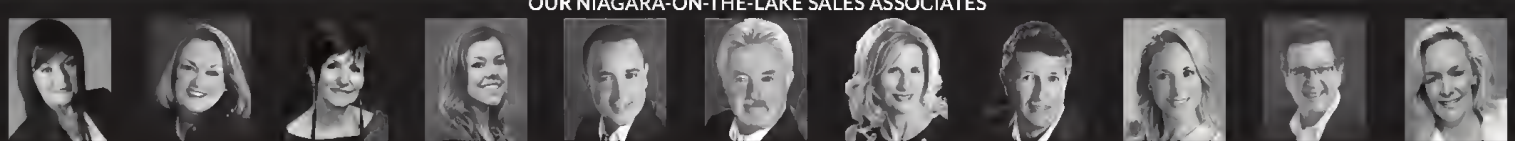

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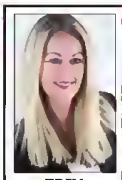
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